Samples of granulated SSP drawn from factories and dealers premises

2672. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Samples of granulated SSP drawn during the current financial year from factories and dealers premises;

(b) the number of cases of sub-tandard production; and

(c) what action has been taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) No information is available regarding number of samples of granulated SSP drawn and found sub-standard. However, as per periodicals reports received about 32648 samples of different fertilisers were drawn during the current financial year (1988-89) (upto December, 1988). Of these, about 2864 samples were found to be sub-standard. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, who have been delegated powers to enforce the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 in the States/U.Ts. have been taken suitable action in respect of sub-standard samples. It has been reported that during the period from April to December, 1988, prosecution were launched in about 60 cases where the samples were found to be sub-standard.

Supply of rice to Orissa

2673. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present allotment quota of rice for the Government of Orissa;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa has asked for increase in the quota of rice and if so, the quantity asked for;

(c) how much quantity of rice is being supplied by the Government of Orissa for families through the Fair Price Shops; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) 24,000 tonnes (for March, 1989).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The scale and coverage for distribution under the Public Distribution System within the State is decided by the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Entry of multinational in food processing business

2674. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several multinationals in the food business are planning to enter India once the Punjab Agro-Pepsi proposal is suitably decided;

(b) what are the other applications that have been made in the area of food processing where multinational companies are involved; and

(c) whether Government is aware that multinational companies are showing interest in India following the Pepsi proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Foreign companies have evinced interest in setting up food processing units in India. A list of applications received in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries involving foreign companies is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Memorandum from the All India Small and Medium Newspapers Federation

2675. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister recently, the

All India Small and Medium Newspapers Federation, (AISMNF) urged the Government to withdraw the Press and Registration of Books (Amendment) Bill; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) In the memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, the All India Small and Medium Newspapers Federation, *inter alia*, has taken strong exception to certain provisions of the Press and Registration of Books (Amendment) Bill, 1988.

(b) Government have taken note of the views of the Federation.

Setting up of Sate Finance Commission

2676. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council for Local Government and Urban Development have since suggested some suitable proposal to amend the Constitution of the country to provide for setting up State Finance Commission for sytematic devolution of funds from the State Government to local bodies:

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the Council also suggested that local bodies be permitted to impose property tax on the Central and State Government properties; and

(d) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes. The resolutions have been forwarded to State Governments for their reaction

(c) Yes.

(d) Article 285 of the Constitution exempts the properties of the Union Government from the property tax imposed by State or any authority within the State, and that includes local bodies.

Creation of employment in rural areas

2677. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target of creating about 245 million mandays of employment in the rural areas during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) to what extent the target has since been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A target for generating 2458 million mandays of employment in rural areas under National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (1445 million mandays under NERP & 1013 million mandays under RLEGP) has been fixed for the seventh Plan (1985-90). As against this, employment generated under these Programmes so far is 2384.38 million mandays.

राज्यों को तिलहनों की आपूर्ति

2678. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न राज्य सरकारें राष्ट्रीय तिलहन विकास योजना को कार्यान्वित कर रही हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राज्यों को वांछनीय किस्म के बीजों की समय पर उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित कराने के लिए सरकार ने क्या उपाय किए हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि कई राज्यों में तिलहन उपलब्ध न होने के कारण 1988 के खरीफ मौसम के दौरान